

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 03-07-20

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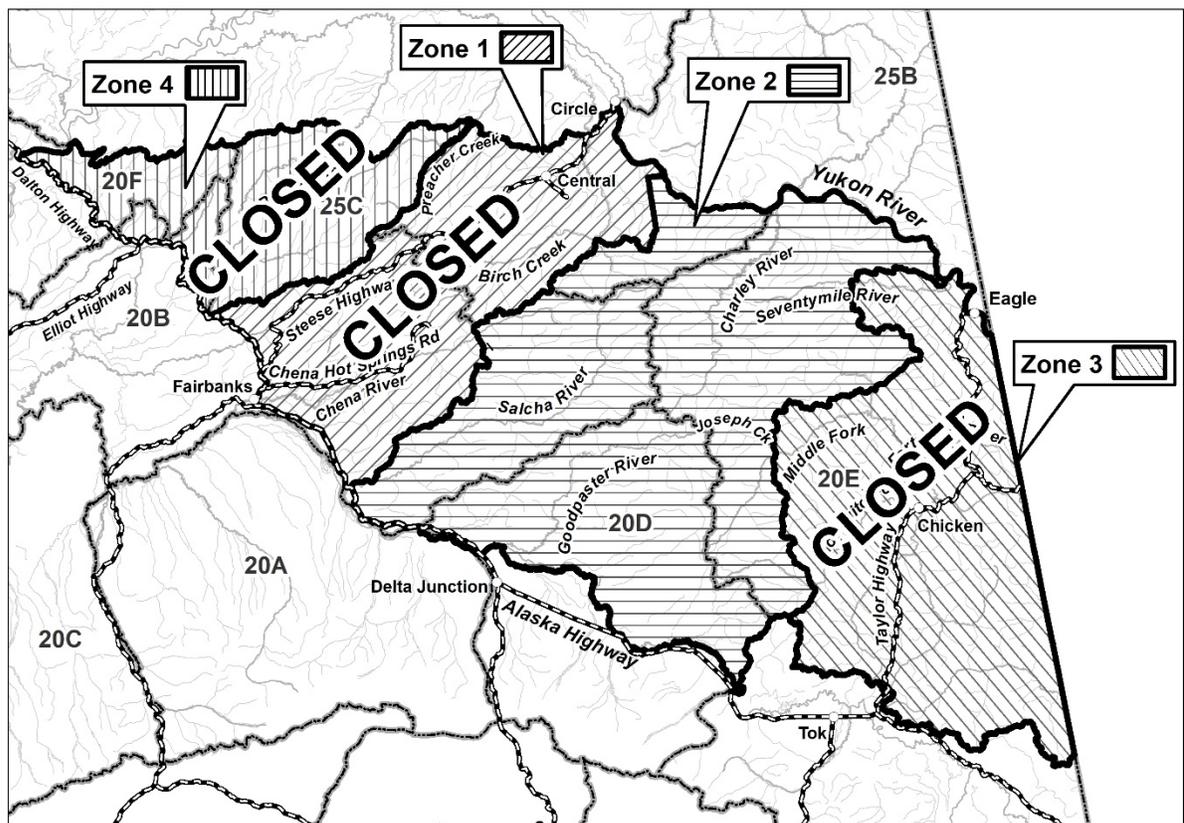
Effective Date: 11:59 P.M.
September 11, 2020

Expiration Date: June 30, 2021
unless superseded by subsequent
Emergency order

EXPLANATION:

State registration permit hunt RC860 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order closes Zone 3 of the Fortymile Caribou hunt area, located in portions of Game Management Unit 20E.

No other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 20 are affected by this emergency order.



REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, is superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

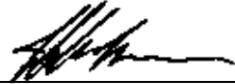
Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(15)		
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Unit 20(E), that portion within the Charley River drainage, the Seventymile River drainage upstream from and including the Granite Creek drainage, the North Fork Fortymile River drainage upstream from, but not including the Champion Creek drainage, the Middle Fork Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Joseph Creek drainage, the Mosquito Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Wolf Creek drainage, and the drainages flowing into the Yukon River downstream from the confluence of the Seventymile and Yukon Rivers.		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
2 caribou by registration permit only, or	Aug. 10–Sept. 30	
1 caribou by registration permit only; or	Oct. 27–March 31	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 30
Remainder of Unit 20(E)		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
2 caribou by registration permit only, or	Aug. 10–Sept. 11	
1 caribou by registration permit only; or	Oct. 27–March 31	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 11
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No other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 20 are affected by this emergency order.

JUSTIFICATION:

The harvest quota for the fall 2020 Fortymile caribou hunt is 5,000. The Fortymile hunt area is divided into 4 zones within the RC860 registration hunt area and the quota is further allocated within these zones. The fall 2020 quota for Zone 3 was reduced from 1,700 to 700 after the hunt began, to help extend season length in Zones 1 and 4, where the highest harvest was occurring at the beginning of the fall season. Fortymile caribou have been plentiful in Zone 3, and we expect the harvest quota for this zone to be reached by the date and time of closure. To ensure a portion of the harvest quota can be allocated to Zone 2, no further fall harvest of caribou under the State of Alaska season is warranted in Zone 3 of the RC860 hunt area.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: 

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